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# This Week In Correction

A weekly update of events in the Tennessee Department of Correction

**TCA FALL CONFERENCE:** Executive Director Judy Lambert leads speakers into the conference room as the Tennessee Correctional Association kicked off its fall training conference in Nashville this week.



Veronica Burns sings the National Anthem during the opening ceremony as the **RMSI** color guard posted the colors.



**MORE TCA:** Commissioner Little delivers a welcome speech to the crowd as Warden Virginia Lewis, **STSRCF**, applauds.



Debbie Williams, Classification Coordinator at **BMCX** was surprised with an award from Commissioner Little for becoming re-certified by the American Correctional Association as a Certified Correctional Manager. She is one of only eight professionals in Tennessee to be certified by ACA and has the distinction of being the only TDOC employee to achieve certification.

The theme for this year's conference was Tradition & Innovation-Maintain the Balance-One Foot in the Past and One in the Future.





## AWARDS NIGHT:



Check out the Nashville skyline in the background as TCA attendees enjoy dinner at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel.

The Happy Haven Children's Home in Cookeville was the charity to benefit from the TCA conference this year.



Dwight Barbee, CBCX, TBI Director Mark Gwyn, Commissioner Little and BOPP Chairman Charles Traugher attend TCA awards banquet.

## THE AWARD GOES TO:



Victim Services Director Sheryl DeMott is surrounded by her daughter, son-in-law and grandson as well as Commissioner Little and BOPP Chairman Charles Traughber. Sheryl received the TCA'S Charles Traughber Award named in honor of the chairman's father who was a founding member of TCA in 1951.

Other award winners during the conference were Ann Myers, BOPP, who received the Mary Walker Award.

Donnie Cole, TDOC Training Academy, received the Jay Gaffney Award. Mr. Gaffney was a 30-year state employee and avid TCA member who died suddenly a few months after retirement.

Captain Michael Barbee, **CBCX**, received the TDOC Management Award and Sgt. Phillip Binkley, **TPW**, received the Line/Staff Award.





## SURPRISE:

And if you missed the conference, you missed a huge surprise. Commissioner Little sang the Harold Melvin and the Bluenotes song, "Wake Up Everybody" before giving the final speech of the conference. Yes, he brought the house down!



During his speech, Commissioner Little told the crowd that, "Key issues for us are working conditions and improved starting salaries. It's not enough to get people in the door; we have to look at keeping them. People aren't quitting a job, they're quitting a boss. We have to address that. The money isn't all of it; part of it comes down to how we treat people. In our budget proposal we will also ask for additional pay increases for TDOC employees."



## THREE DECADES AND COUNTING:



celebration. He said his father, whom the facility is named for, had been proud to be the first warden of the facility and would be very pleased to that it still looks great.

Commissioner George Little, **RMSI** Warden Ricky Bell and his wife along with former wardens Bruce MacDonald and Wayne Douglas were among the large crowd to attend the celebration.



**WTSP AWARDS:** Service awards were handed out this week to 27 employees out west. Chris Hoffman's culinary arts class provided great tasting snacks during the ceremony. Congratulations to all!

5-year awards were given to:

Stacie Alexander  
Betsy Caldwell  
Barbara Cork  
Kevin Gunn  
Deborah Hayes  
Dianne Haynes  
Alisha McCuller  
Tonya Medford  
Michael Moore  
Stan Paige  
William Walker, Jr.  
Jessica Williams  
Sylvia Wilson

25 year awards:

Charles Gaskins  
Gene Turner.

35 year award:

Freddie Wakefield



15-year award:

Julius Nicks

20 year awards:

Carey Ballard  
Marilyn Brawner  
Ronnie Ferguson  
Nadine Kiestler  
Bobby Mullins  
Beverly Sanders

30 year awards:

J.D. Cole  
Vernon Mustion

10 year award:

Donal Jones

## **QUITTING FOR GOOD:**

Warden Jewel Steele is happy to report that **TPW** began a "Quitting for Good" class this week. The class is offered to the inmate population and is a Christian centered, nine-week course taught by volunteers to help inmates "kick the habit."



**MCCX HONORS:** There's a good reason we have to show you Warden David Mills' picture over and over again. He handed out service awards to several well deserved staff members this week.

Receiving awards for 30 years of service are Charlene Walls, Bobby Walls, Susan Bewer and Larry Harris.





25 year service awards were given to Frankie Paxton and Terry Daniels.



Norma Eggers and Lloyd Jones received the 20 year award.



10-year awards were given to Bobby Crouch, Keith Hall, Tappley Stewart, Regina Williams and Sharon Harvey. Finally, congratulations to Jason Beard, Jacqueline Anderson, Penny Freytag and Dana Daniels for 5 years service.

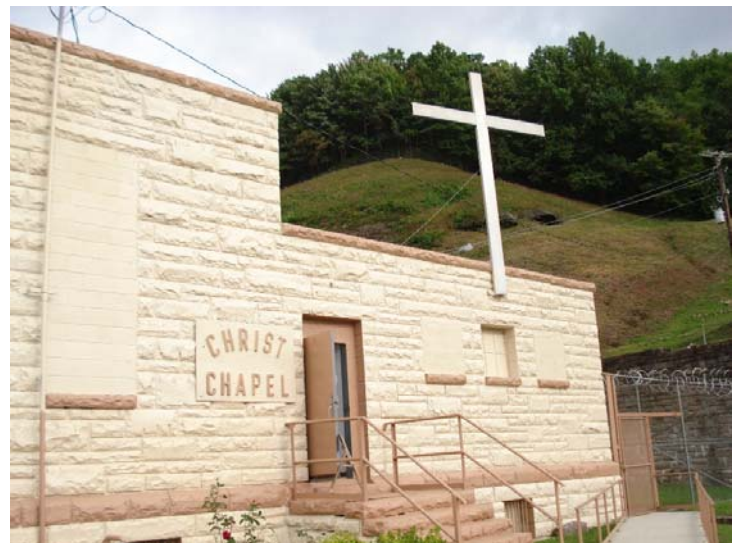
Now, wasn't that worth looking at Warden Mills over and over again?



**BRUSHY GLISTENS:** Commissioner Little says congratulations are in order for the management and staff at **BMCX** and **MCCX**. Faced with a major construction project and a facility over 100 years old, they successfully passed their American Correctional Association's Annual Reaccreditation Audit with a score of 100% on mandatory and 98.2% on non-mandatory. Great job folks!



With a recent paint job, Assistant Commissioner Roland Colson says Brushy is glistening!





## **GOOD SAMARITAN:**

The Tennessee Department of Correction has developed a system to aid employees when facing natural disasters and other difficult events. The Good Samaritan Network, while developed for offenders leaving incarceration, has added an innovative twist to help state employees. A surplus of donations gathered for Hurricane Katrina victims will now go to help state employees (80%), while (20%) will go to help the network members in the community who give aid to offenders and their families.



Recently, CO'S Jamie and Melissa Walters from **DSNF** and **TCIP** received assistance from the Good Samaritan Network. A fundraiser for the couple is also planned for this Saturday at the Only Community Center beginning at 12:00pm. Jamie recently underwent a third medical procedure and needed assistance for his family.

In order to be fully effective in aiding our employee's, A warden's designee from each facility is needed to help facilitate the needs and to arrange logistics. With a designee in each institution, the entire state will be covered.

In addition to selecting a designee, a continued supply of donations is needed. Specifically, canned foods, school supplies, and women's clothing. Of course all donations will be accepted. We have enough room. The only thing that I ask is that people don't donate anything that they would not use. Remember these will go to our own fellow employee's. Contact Richard Dixon for more information.

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## 2006 Tennessee Employees Charitable Campaign



Pictured left you will find the Central Office Human Resources Staff who have joined together to make a difference in the lives of others. We challenge you to do the same thing. Don't leave us standing out in the cornfield by ourselves. Come join us!!!

Have you taken the time to read through the 2006 TECC Brochure? If not, you are encouraged to do so. One never knows when the unexpected will happen. It could happen to you, a loved one, or even someone you know. Isn't it comforting to know that there are so many organizations out there that are dedicated to meeting those needs? They cannot do it alone though; they need our help.

Here are the statistics for Week 2:

Central Office -- \$6,334.60  
WCBC -- No information to report  
MCCX -- \$120  
TCIP -- \$103.92  
CBCX -- \$109.33  
WTSP -- \$1,569.64  
NECX -- No information to report  
DSNF-- \$1,018.92

Academy -- No information to report  
BMCX -- \$600  
TPFW -- \$2,234.20  
MLCC -- \$1,144.76  
STSR -- \$586.76  
RMSI -- \$1,651.76  
NWCX -- \$3,164.36

**Department Total so far: \$18,638.25**



**DCCO**



**NWCX**



**TPFW**

Some institutions have not kicked off their campaigns as of yet. Central Office is off to a running start. Are you up to the challenge? Will your institution be on here next week?

## FIELD DAY:



A serious game of chess kicks off field day at **CBCX**. Inmates enjoyed fun in the sun, games and food for a few hours.



**SHUTTERBUG:** Captain Leon Dotson, **CBCX**, snapped this picture of the Parthenon in Nashville's Centennial Park. If you're in town, a tour would be well worth your time. Inside is a 42-foot statue of the mythological Greek Goddess Athena.



**HISTORY IN THE MAKING:** The first class to complete the pre-release program at **DSNF** has graduated. Of the 12 inmates who enrolled in the 300-hour, full-time program, 11 successfully completed it. Helping to celebrate the achievement at a recent graduation ceremony were: Cleatrice McTorry, Director of Pre-Release; Acting Warden Gil Mathis; Acting Deputy Warden Steve Nixon; Victim Services Director Sheryl DeMott; Cynthia Noel, **DSNF**; Verna Wyatt and Valerie Craig from "You Have the Power" and Patricia Allen, Pre-Release Coordinator. Congratulations to all graduates.





## HARD AT WORK AT CBCX:



CO Virgil Halliburton and Sgt. Robert Parker keep an eye on things at **CBCX** checkpoint.

Cpl. Michael Tablack and K-9 Sarge prepare for another day at work.



Look at that face!



## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Tom Lyle, MIS, has lost his father. Funeral services for Mr. Joseph Lyle were planned for Friday afternoon at the Woodbine Funeral Home in Nashville. Please keep Tom and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Long-time STSRCF employee James Hannah has died. James was a counselor for many years and will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held this week in Pikeville. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

***“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.”***

-Babe Ruth

-Submitted by Cile Crowder, Policy Coordinator, Central Office

***“The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example”***

-Anonymous

-Submitted by Gail Lents, Executive Secretary, WTSP